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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 16th/June, through Sunday, 23rd/June there were 202 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3D2, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5R, 5T, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6Y, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, CE, CE0Y, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, DL, DU, E4, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FR, FS, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, JA, JD/o, JT, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ7, PY, PZ, S0, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T2, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TN, TR, TU, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V3, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VP2E, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XX9, XZ, YB, YI, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later".

3D2CR CONWAY REEF DXPEDITION NEWS. The Rebel DX Group has posted some videos and pictures to their FaceBook page at:
https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup

4L, GEORGIA. David, AD0PY/DL7ZM, will once again be active as 4L/DL7ZM from Georgia between July 13-21st. Activity will be mainly 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. His operations will also include the CQWW VHF Contest. His location will be on a 3300m mountain top and his WW Locator will be

LN11. QSL via his home callsign (USA address).

5X, UGANDA. Anders, SM0HPL, is once again active as 5X7W from Kampala until July 6th. Activity will be limited to his spare time (due to his job) on 20-10 meters (possibly 30m) using CW, JT65 and FT8. QSL via SM0HPL, ClubLog or LoTW.

9G, GHANA. A group of Slovenian operators will be active as 9G5W from Kokrobite between November 16-27th. Operators mentioned are Tine/S50A, Leo/S50R, Marko/S51DS, Tone/S51TC, Sergej/S51ZJ, Peter/S54W and Renato/S57UN. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. They plan to be in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th). Their equipment contains 3x Kenwood TS-590SG with various verticals for 160/80/40/30m, and two SpiderBeams for 20-10m. QSL via S59ZZ or ClubLog's OQRS. Log will be uploaded to LoTW (usually 6 months later). For more details and updates, see: https://www.ghana.si

9H, MALTA. Andrea, IK0PUL, will be active as 9H3IK from Malta (EU-023) between July 5-12th. Activity will be holiday style on 30/20/17 meters using CW and SSB, with wire antennas and 100 watts. QSL via IK0PUL, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW. There will be a log search on ClubLog.

9Y4, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO. Karel, OK2ZI, will be active as 9Y4/OK2ZI from Trinidad (SA-011) between June 28th and July 6th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via his home callsign, direct, by the Bureau, ClubLog's OQRS or LoTW (6 month after his expedition). For more details, see: http://www.ok2zi.cz/exped.php

BV0, TAIWAN (Special Event). Look for special event station BV0ME to be active from New Taipei City until 0359 UTC, December 13th. Activity is to celebrate same-sex marriage in Taiwan which was legalized on May 24th, 2019, making Taiwan the first nation in Asia to recognize same-sex marriage. The suffix "ME" stands for Marriage Equality. Operations will be on FT8 frequencies during the weekdays and SSB on the HF bands during weekends. QSL via BU2EQ. Paper QSL cards (preferably direct) and eQSLs are welcome.

CY0C SABLE ISLAND DXPEDITION (Press Release, dated June 21st). Murray, WA4DAN, team leader of the 2020 Sable Island DXpedition, has received permission to make a one day trip out to the Sable Island National Park Reserve in preparation for the 2020 DXpedition to the island. This trip will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2019. Sable (CY0) currently sits at #58 on ClubLog. The purpose of this trip is to meet with the Parks Canada personnel on the island to go over logistical matters with the DXpedition. A priority during the 7-8 hours on the island include scoping out suitable locations for the antennas. There are over 500 wild horses on Sable and they have free run of the island. Care must be taken with routing the coaxial cables to the antennas. The team also must flag all antennas and guy wires as the island is home to many species of birds including the Ipswich Sparrow. Sable has a very fragile eco system so great care must be taken to not disturb any of the horses, seals, birds or vegetation. The 2020 DXpedition team is very grateful to Parks Canada for allowing the one day visit to develop guidelines in preparation for the 2020 DXpedition.

DXCC NEWS. The ARRL DX Bulletin reports that the following operations are approved for DXCC credit:

3D2CR -- Conway Reef, 2019 operation
E6ET -- Niue, 2019 operation

EU19/EV19/EV0, BELARUS. Look for the following special event stations to be active until June 30th. Activity is to celebrate the 2nd European Games in Minsk. Each station represents a differnt sporting event and arena:

EU19RO	- Minsk-Arena	EV19CYC	— bicycle sport
EV0CA	— Chizhovka-Arena	EV19FRS	— wrestling
EV0MA	— Minsk-Arena	EV19GYM	— gymnastics
EV0SD	— Dynamo-Arena	EV19JUD	— judo
EV19ARC	— archery	EV19KAR	— karate
EV19ATH	— athletics	EV19ROW	— rowing
EV19BAD	— badminton	EV19SAM	— sambo wrestling
EV19BAS	— basketball	EV19SHO	— bullet shooting
EV19BOX	— boxing	EV19TEN	— table tennis
EV19BSO	— beach football		

Three different awards are be available. For QSL information/details see QRZ.com. All logs will be uploaded to ClubLog, LoTW or eQSL.

IOTA NEWS.....

NEW IOTA GROUPS - There was an announcement of 5 New IOTA Groups at the Ham Radio Friedrichshafen on June 22nd. Details about the proposed additions to the IOTA List can be viewed at:
https://dxnews.com/forum/forum/iota/19747-new-iota-groups
https://dx-world.net/new-iota-groups-announced-2019

AF-054. Operators YL Elena/RC5A and Yuri/RM0F will be active as 5H3CA and 5H3RRC, respectively, from Mafia Island, Tanzania, sometime between September 25th and October 5th Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via RC5A.

AS-063/ AS-152. (Update/Change) Members of the Russian Robinson Club (RRC) will activate two IOTAs in the Khatanga Bay region during July and August. Operators mentioned are Vasily/R7AA, Eugene/UA6EX, Leonid/UA7A and Alexander/UX0LL. They will operate from Popigay-Ary Island (AS-063) first, signing as R63RRC between July 26-30th. They will also operate from Bol'shoy Begichev Island (AS-152) signing as RQ73QQ between August 1-3rd. Activity will be on 40-17 meters. QSL via R7AA (OQRS after expedition preferable), via the Bureau. For more details and updates, see:
https://dxpedition.wixsite.com/r63rrc/en

EU-028. Branislav, OM2FY, will be active as IA5/OM2FY from Elba Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/12-HRS/Low-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY.

EU-028. Radovan, OM2ZZ, will be active as IA5/OM2ZZ from Elba Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/CW-Mode/12-HRS/Low-Power entry. QSL via OM2FY.

EU-050. Michele, IW7EGQ, will be active as IL7MP from San Domino (Tremiti Islands) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/SSB-Mode/Unassisted/12-HRs entry. QSL via IW7EGQ.

EU-052. Frank, DJ0BFS, will be active as SV8/DJ0BFS from Porto Koukla on the Zakynthos Island (WW Loc. KM07KQ) June 23-30th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and SSB. Equipment is a FT-891 into a HF-P1 vertical antenna. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-117. Vasil, RA1ZZ, will be active as RA1ZZ/p from Vikhrevoy Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as as Single-Op/ Island-DXpedition/High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

EU-127. Thomas, DJ6OI, will be active as DJ6OI/p from Neuwerk Island during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/ CW-Mode/Island-DXpedition/12-Hrs entry. QSL via his home callsign.

PLEASE NOTE: Since the Webmasters of the new (www.iota-world.org) have decided NOT to post or dedicate a Web page to announce upcoming IOTA operations, PLEASE send your IOTA operations information to the OPDX, and we will post it here in an upcoming bulletin.....

MD, ISLE OF MAN. Dominic, M1KTA, will be active as MD1K from the Isle of Man (EU-116) during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 27-28th) as a Single-Op/ Island-DXpedition entry. QSL via ClubLog and LoTW.

MD, ISLE OF MAN. Dave, WJ2O, will be active as MD/WJ2O between July 11-17th. Activity will include the IARU HF World Championship (July 13-14th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Mixed-Mode/High-Power entry. QSL via N2ZN.

OPDX MAILING LIST (Just A Reminder). The "new" OPDX Mailing List is back up and running! Details on how to subscribe/unsubscribe are at the bottom of this bulletin. PLEASE pass the word around.... Thanks and 73 de Tedd KB8NW

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active as P44W from Aruba (SA-036) between July 11-16th. Activity will be mainly in the IARU HF Championship (July 13-14th) on 160-10 meters using primarily CW. Operations outside of the contest are usually on 160/80m and 30/17/12 meters as time permits. Watch 160m on the hour and 80m on the half hour. QSL via LoTW or direct to N2MM, Bureau cards are no longer accepted. Logs will be loaded on LoTW upon his return to the USA.

PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (June 24-30th).....

Jun/24th AN	Jun/27th AN	Jun/29th AN
Jun/25th HN	Jun/28th AN	Jun/30th AN
Jun/26th AN		

SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS/INDEXES AND GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE

NORMALITY	GEOMAG	K Values	Alpha
AN - Above Normal	Quiet	K=0-1	0-7
HN - High Normal	Unsettled	K=2	8-15
LN - Low Normal	Active	K=3	16-29
BN - Below Normal	Minor Storm	K=4	30-49
DIS - Disturbed	Major Storm	K=5	50-99
VRY DIS - Very Disturbed	Severe Storm	K=6-9	100-400

Meanwhile, check out the following Web sites for propagation:

* VOACAP predication Web page at: http://www.voacap.com/hf
  and http://www.voacap.com/prediction.html
* DX.QSL.NET Propagation page: https://dx.qsl.net/propagation
* A daily HF radio wave propagation forecast can be found at:
  https://www.facebook.com/thomasfranklingiellaw4hm
* SolarHam Web page: http://www.solarham.net
* Radio Propagation/Space Weather/Sunspot Cycle Information at:
  http://sunspotwatch.com
* Monthly propagation charts between four USA regions and twelve overseas locations are at: http://arrl.org/propagation
* Information and tutorials on propagation are at: http://k9la.us
* Graphic propagation tool by DR2W: http://www.dr2w.de/dx-propagation
* Point to point propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk/p2p.html
* Realtime propagation at: http://www.predtest.uk
* Also on Twitter: https://twitter.com/@GiellaW4hm

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

QSL-INFO from DB0SDX by Lothar, DL1SBF (www.qslinfo.eu) (June 20th)

4J3DJ via 4J3DJ (d*/L)	EG3PTM via EA3RCI	OJ0JR via OH3JR & (L)
5T5PA via PA5X & (L)	EG5HSJ via EA5RKB	PA/DL1DN/P via DL1DN
DF0RSA via DL3DUE (O/L)	EM2019ARDF via UT5NY (O)	SV8/PD0ARI via PD0ARI
DR100BADZ via DK8HE	EV10WCA via EW3W (O/d)	TM17FFF via F4GFE
DR70BLN via DJ3EI	GB1DD via M0JFP	

(e) eQSL only	(d) direct only	(B) Bureau only	(*-B) DX's- Bureau
(O) OQRS only	(C) ClubLog only	(L) LoTW only	(N) No QSL needed
(I) No IRC	(P) PayPal	(NB) No Bureau	(d*) Address in Russia

LOGS ONLINE AT CLUBLOG.ORG THIS WEEK.....
https://clublog.org/logsearch/V6K

5B19CWC (Lost contacts on FT8). It was reported on QRZ.com: Due to an individual computer crash on the 17th June, a number of 80m FT8 QSOs have been lost. If you have logged a contact with 5B19CWC on this date on FT8, please check the log (see 5B19CWC page for details. All contacts up to the 19th have been added) and if you are not there, please work 5B19CWC again. Sorry about this folks - we have struggled to get as many contacts back as possible, but some records are completely corrupted.

QSLS RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 4U1ITU, 5B4AMX, 5R8UM, E31A, FS/AG5CR, LU7YS, ZL2DD and ZL3CW

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: DP0DVN/p, RW1AI/9 (AS-042) and VI9NI

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE IARU BUREAU: 3G3O, 5J0P, DJ18FWC, KH8/DL2AWG, LZ100SR, LZ121SBS, LZ139LO, LZ284SKD, LZ303MA, LZ55UPB, LZ73ZZ, PJ2T, TY2AC, V73NS, VP6EU, XR0YD and XR4S

--- We would like to see more QSL Bureaus (such as AS/US/SA/AF.. etc) to send in their info....

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS (Will It Be Silent?). Last week OPDX was asked if Mount Athos will be silent. To start, when Kostas Stamatis, SV1DPI, reported the passing of Monk Apollo, SV2ASP/SK, he stated on his FaceBook page that

"there are more monks who are radio amateurs in Mount Athos", but Monk Apollo "was the only one on the air from Mount Athos, working DX." Kostas also stated, "Ham radio will find another operator sooner or later from Mount Athos (according my infos, Monastery of Docheiariou will take care so another monk will become a radio amateur soon and get Monk Apollo's place and duties)." An interesting thing showed up this past week, your editor received his July issue of QST, and on page 80, it mentions that "Mount Athos will not go dark." Monk Iakovos, SV2RSG, who is located and lives at the Koutloumousiou Monastery is another operator. If you go to his QRZ.com page, it states, "I became Radio Amateur in 2015 after been trained by the DX Plus Hellenic Radio Amateur Team and George, SV1RP, who is member of the Team. I took and passed exams in the Ministry of Telecommunication. I am member of DX Plus Hellenic Radio Amateur Team and the only one member of RAAG in Mount Athos. Because my main QTH is Koutloumousiou Holy Monastery and I am permanent resident in Mt. Athos, I do not use "/A" when I operate because as everybody knows," /A" means Alternative location of the station." There are pictures of Monk Iakovos on the QRZ.com page. He operates CW, SSB and has been in contests. He reportedly has an an IC-735 and a 40 meter vertical. Currently, there have not been any cluster spots reported, but you may want to keep an eye out for some. His QSL Manager is SV1RP. Here is his QSL card:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/files.qrz.com/g/sv2rsg/00_SV2RSG_QSL_BARA_11.jpg

T2, TUVALU. Antoine, 3D2AG, will be active as T2AR from Funafuti Island (OC-015) between June 27th and July 6th. Activity will be focused on the low bands (including 160m) and other various HF bands including 6/2m using CW, SSB, RTTY, JT65 and FT8. QSL via 3D2AG (PayPal). Only paper logs will be used. NO LoTW or eQSL please. Digimode QSOs will be uploaded to QRZ.com after the expedition. Watch QRZ.com for updates. ADDED NOTE: This operation will be in collaboration with John, KK7L, who will activate the T2R Club callsign between June 27th and July 6th. QSL T2R via N7SMI, ClubLog and LoTW.

TM75, FRANCE (Special Event). Hans, PA2JWN, will activate special event station TM75LM to be Le Muy, France, between August 15-18th. Activity is to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the village of Le Muy from German occupation during WWII on August 15th, 1944, by the by Allies forces in Southern France -- "Operation Dragoon" (see QRZ.com for details). QSL via PA2JWN.

YASME NEWS (Press Release, dated June 20th). Ken Claerbout, K4ZW, sent out the following: YASME FOUNDATION SUPPORTING GRANT TO AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY DATA NETWORK (AREDN) -- The Board of Directors of The Yasme Foundation has made a supporting grant to Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network (AREDN) a non-profit 501(c)(3). AREDN extended the early work of the Broadband Ham Net mesh developers by developing firmware (and related user software) for more modern and efficient consumer routers. Based in San Diego, California, the AREDN development team has produced code for the Ubiquiti 2, 3 and 5 GHz routers and has recently added firmware to convert lower-priced consumer equipment from other manufacturers for amateur mesh network use. Yasme's grant will be used to purchase test equipment to aid AREDN development efforts.

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Z8, SOUTH SUDAN. Diya, YI1DZ, will be active as Z81D from Juba sometime after June 22nd. Activity will be limited to his spare time on 80-10 meters using SSB and various Digital modes. QSL via OM3JW.

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